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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN SPACE

1. MATSUOZAWA OF JAPANESE UN MISSION ASKED MISOFF'S PERSONAL REACTION IN ORDER TO PREPARE RESPONSE TO URGENT TEL FROM TOKYO SOLICITING VIEWS ON DESIRABILITY OF ATTEMPT BY JAPAN TO GET A NEW ITEM ON NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN SPACE INCLUDED IN AGENDA OF OURTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE SESSION, WHICH BEGINS 13 MARCH IN GENEVA. STRESSING HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, MISOFF SAID SUCH AN EFFORT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY FAIL BECAUSE GOVERNING CONSENSUS PROCEDURE WOULD REQUIRE SOVIET ACQUIESCENCE, WHICH SEEMED HIGHLY UNLIKELY. UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO GET NEW AGENDA ITEM WOULD PUT THOSE WHO WISH TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT DURING LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE SESSION IN WORST POSSIBLE SITUATION SINCE SOVIETS COULD THEN CONTEND THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S REFUSAL TO INCLUDE A NEW ITEM NECESSARILY HAD THE CONSEQUENCE OF MAKING DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT OUT OF ORDER. MISOFF SUGGESTED THAT A BETTER WAY TO GET DISCUSSION IN GENEVA MIGHT BE TO FOLLOW THE TENTATIVE SWEDISH INTENTION. APPARENTLY, DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF GENERAL DEBATE, SWEDISH DEL WILL SPEAK ON THE COSMOS 954 PROBLEM AND MAY TABLE A WRITTEN PROPOSAL IN  
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THE FORM OF A DRAFT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. WHILE THE SUBCOMMITTEE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ACT IMMEDIATELY ON THE PROPOSAL, SWEDEN WOULD HAVE THUS INDICATED IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO THE PROBLEM AND THUS HELP IN EVENTUALLY PROMPTING EFFECTIVE ACTION BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. MISOFF STRESSED DESIRE OF US DEL TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF JAPANESE EFFORTS IN GENEVA AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO DELS AT OUTSET OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE SESSION.

3. AS TO ORDER OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, MATSUOZAWA SAID JAPAN WOULD LIKE US OPINION WHETHER DBS SHOULD BE PUT OFF UNTIL AFTER REMOTE SENSING; SENSITIVITY OF FORMER COULD MAKE UNDESIRABLE OPEN DISCUSSION PRIOR TO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. MISOFF THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE CORRECT BUT SUGGESTED TWO DELS CONSULT AS WELL ON ORDER OF ITEMS AS SUBCOMMITTEE SESSION BEGINS. YOUNG

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